

tion 1987 of this Appendix], adjudicate all claims filed under this Act [sections 1981—1987 of this Appendix] by award or order of dismissal, as the case may be, upon written findings of fact and reasons for the decision. A copy of each such adjudication shall be mailed to the claimant or his attorney.

(b) The Attorney General may make payment of any award not exceeding \$2,500 in amount out of such funds as may be made available for this purpose by Congress.

(c) On the first day of each regular session of Congress the Attorney General shall transmit to Congress a full and complete statement of all adjudications rendered under this Act [sections 1981—1987 of this Appendix] during the previous year, stating the name and address of each claimant, the amount claimed, the amount awarded, the amount paid, and a brief synopsis of the facts in the case and the reasons for each adjudication. All awards not paid under subsection (b) hereof shall be paid in like manner as are final judgments of the Court of Claims.

(d) The payment of an award shall be final and conclusive for all purposes, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, and shall be a full discharge of the United States and all of its officers, agents, servants, and employees with respect to all claims arising out of the same subject matter. An order of dismissal against a claimant, unless set aside by the Attorney General, shall thereafter bar any further claim against the United States or any officer, agent, servant, or employee thereof arising out of the same subject matter. (July 2, 1948, ch. 814, § 4, 62 Stat. 1232, amended Aug. 17, 1951, ch. 327, § 1, 65 Stat. 192.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1951—Subsec. (a) amended by act Aug. 17, 1951 which inserted the exception as to claims compromised.

#### § 1985. Attorney's fees; penalty for overcharging.

The Attorney General, in rendering an award in favor of any claimant, may as a part of the award determine and allow reasonable attorneys' fees, which shall not exceed 10 per centum of the amount allowed, to be paid out of, but not in addition to, the amount of such award.

Any attorney who charges, demands, receives, or collects for services rendered in connection with such claim any amount in excess of that allowed under this section, if recovery be had, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall upon conviction thereof be subject to a fine of not more than \$2,000, or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both. (July 2, 1948, ch. 814, § 5, 62 Stat. 1232.)

#### § 1986. Administration.

For the purposes of this Act [sections 1981—1987 of this Appendix] the Attorney General may—

(a) appoint a clerk and such attorneys, examiners, interpreters, appraisers, and other employees as may be necessary;

(b) call upon any Federal department or agency for any information or records necessary;

(c) secure the cooperation of State and local agencies, governmental or otherwise, and reimburse such agencies for services rendered;

(d) utilize such voluntary and uncompensated services as may from time to time be needed and available;

(e) assist needy claimants in the preparation and filing of claims;

(f) make such investigations as may be necessary;

(g) make expenditures for witness fees and mileage and for other administrative expenses;

(h) prescribe such rules and regulations, perform such acts not inconsistent with law, and delegate such authority as he may deem proper in carrying out the provisions of this Act [sections 1981—1987 of this Appendix]. (July 2, 1948, ch. 814, § 6, 62 Stat. 1232.)

#### § 1987. Appropriations; compromise settlements.

There are authorized to be appropriated for the purposes of this Act [sections 1981—1987 of this Appendix] such sums as Congress may from time to time determine to be necessary, which funds shall be available also for payment of settlement awards, which shall be final and conclusive for all purposes, made by the Attorney General in compromise settlement of such claims upon the basis of affidavits and available Government records satisfactory to him, in amounts which shall not in any case exceed either three-fourths of the amount, if any, of the claim attributable to compensable items thereof or \$2,500, whichever is less. (July 2, 1948, ch. 814, § 7, 62 Stat. 1233, amended Aug. 17, 1951, ch. 327, § 2, 65 Stat. 192.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1951—Act Aug. 17, 1951 amended section by inserting provisions giving the Attorney General authority to effect compromise settlement of certain claims, not to exceed \$2,500 in amount with respect to each such claim.

#### MEDICAL CARE FOR PHILIPPINE VETERANS [NEW]

##### ACT JULY 1, 1948, CH. 785, 62 STAT. 1210

Sec.

1991. Medical care and treatment of Philippine veterans; grants-in-aid for construction of hospitals and expenses of medical care.

1992. Definition of "veterans".

1993. Hospital construction grants; total amount of grants.

1994. Medical care grants; time limitations; total amount of grants.

1995. Rules and regulations; delegation of President's authority.

1996. Appropriations.

§ 1991. Medical care and treatment of Philippine veterans; grants-in-aid for construction of hospitals and expenses of medical care.

In order to assist the Republic of the Philippines in providing medical care and treatment for veterans, as defined in section 2 of this Act [section 1992 of this Appendix], who are in need of hospitalization for disabilities, determined by the Veterans' Administration under laws which it administers to be connected with the service described in such section, the President is authorized, subject to the provisions of this Act [sections 1991—1996 of this Appendix],

to furnish aid in the form of grants to the Republic of the Philippines (a) for the construction and equipping of hospitals in the Philippines to be used exclusively for such medical care and treatment and (b) for expenses incident to such medical care and treatment in either the hospitals so constructed and equipped or other hospitals in the Philippines. (July 1, 1948, ch. 785, § 1, 62 Stat. 1210.)

#### § 1992. Definition of "veterans".

For the purposes of section 1 of this Act [section 1991 of this Appendix], the term "veterans" means persons who served in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines while such forces were in the service of the armed forces of the United States pursuant to the military order of the President of the United States, dated July 26, 1941, including among such military forces organized guerrilla forces under commanders appointed, designated, or subsequently recognized by the Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area, or other competent authority in the Army of the United States, and who were discharged or released from such service under conditions other than dishonorable. (July 1, 1948, ch. 785, § 2, 62 Stat. 1210.)

#### § 1993. Hospital construction grants; total amount of grants.

Any grant for the construction and equipping of a hospital may be made prior to or following its completion: *Provided*, That the total of such grants shall not exceed \$22,500,000. (July 1, 1948, ch. 785, § 3, 62 Stat. 1210.)

#### § 1994. Medical care grants; time limitation; total amount of grants.

Grants for expenses incident to hospitalization may be made for a period not to exceed five years to reimburse the Republic of the Philippines for moneys expended for such hospitalization: *Provided*, That the total of such grants shall not exceed \$3,285,000 for any fiscal year. (July 1, 1948, ch. 785, § 4, 62 Stat. 1210.)

#### § 1995. Rules and regulations; delegation of President's authority.

The President may from time to time prescribe such rules and regulations and impose such conditions on the receipt of financial aid as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act [sections 1991–1996 of this Appendix]; and he may delegate in whole or in part the authority conferred upon him by this Act [said sections] to any officer or officers of the United States. (July 1, 1948, ch. 785, § 5, 62 Stat. 1210.)

#### § 1996. Appropriations.

There are authorized to be appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act [sections 1991–1996 of this Appendix]. (July 1, 1948, ch. 785, § 6, 62 Stat. 1210.)

### WAR CLAIMS [NEW]

#### ACT JULY 2, 1948, CH. 826, 62 STAT. 1240

Sec.

#### 2001. War Claims Commission.

- (a) Establishment; composition; appointment; qualifications; compensation; tenure.
- (b) Employment of personnel.
- (c) Rules and regulations; delegation of functions; time limit on filing of claims.
- (d) Subpenas; issuance; contempt; witness fees; administration of oaths.
- (e) Termination of Commission.

#### 2002. Jurisdiction of Commission.

#### 2003. Claims of employees of contractors.

- (a) Payment by Secretary of Labor of certain claims; execution of releases.
- (b) Cancellation of employees' obligations; repayment to employees.
- (c) Amendment of section 1702 (a) of Title 42.

#### 2004. Internees.

- (a) Definition.
- (b) Payment of detention benefits.
- (c) Amount of detention benefits.
- (d) Persons entitled to detention benefits.
- (e) Certification of claims.
- (f) Application of sections 1701–1706 and 1711–1717 of Title 42; factors for determining benefits; effective date.

#### 2005. Prisoners of war.

- (a) Definition.
- (b) Payment of claims; rate allowed; certification of claims.
- (c) Persons entitled to payments.

#### 2006. Claims of religious organizations; certification of claim.

#### 2007. Commissions report on personal injury and property claims to President; findings; recommendations; public property; legislative effect.

#### 2008. Reports to Congress.

#### 2009. Fee limitation for representing claimants; penalties.

#### 2010. Hearings on claims; finality of decision.

#### 2011. Amendment to Trading With the Enemy Act.

#### 2012. War Claims Fund.

- (a) Composition; expenditure.
- (b) Estimation and certification to Treasury of total amount necessary under section 2004 (f).
- (c) Estimation and certification to Treasury of total amount necessary under section 2003 (c).
- (d) Certification to Treasury of total canceled obligations under section 2003 (b) (1).
- (e) Appropriations for Commission's work.

#### 2012a. Same; limitation on funds used for claim payment [New].

#### 2013. Payments to certain members of religious orders.

#### § 2001. War Claims Commission—(a) Establishment; composition; appointment; qualifications; compensation; tenure.

There is established a commission to be known as the War Claims Commission (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission") and to be composed of three persons to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. At least two of the members of the Commission shall be persons who have been admitted to the bar of the highest court of any State, Territory, or the District of Columbia. The members of the Commission shall receive basic compensation at the rate of \$14,000 per annum. The terms of office of the members of the Commission shall expire at the time fixed in subsection (d) for the winding up of the affairs of the Commission.